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United States of America: draft resolution

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/207 B of 11 December 1987 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, in which it was decided that the Council should further continue to consider the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies,

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat on the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 and 1997 in the economic, social and related fields, 1/

Noting the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences contained in the letter dated 22 June 1995 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Economic and Social Council, 2/

Expressing its concern that the number of subsidiary bodies that have been mandated to annualize their sessions has, in view of the limited secretariat services available, inter alia, for meetings and documentation, adversely affected the efficient utilization of conference-servicing resources,

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2/ E/1995/101.

1. Decides to biennialize the meetings of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Committee for Development Planning and its three working groups, the Economic Commission for Africa and its Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council a draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields, beginning with the biennium 1997-1998 and bearing in mind paragraph 1 of the present resolution.